

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For:	APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING SHEET MATERIAL		

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office action dated December 9, 2008 in the pending application. A one-month extension of time is provided herewith.

ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits. The invention of Group I include claims 1-10, 13 and 14. It will be noted that the restriction requirement did not account for claims 13 and 14 which are dependent from claim 1 and were added in the preliminary amendment dated April 26, 2006.

The applicant hereby reserves all rights to the non-elected subject matter.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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